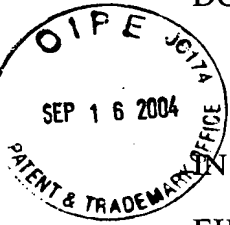


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SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated April 20, 2004 and the Advisory Action dated August 24, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begins on page 2 of this response.

**Support for the Amendment** appears on page 13 of this response.

**Remarks** begin on page 14 of this response.